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## TAJIKISTAN MINISTRIES' REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE TRAINED ON MULTILATERAL TRADE SYSTEM

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A group of representatives from Tajikistan Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and Ministry of Agriculture attend the training course on “Business Implications of Multilateral Trading System” started today, on April 07 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The training course is organized by the International Trade Centre (ITC) and participation of Tajik officials is arranged under ITC project on supporting Tajikistan’s public and private sector in strengthening their knowledge of the opportunities and challenges stemming from the WTO membership. This project is financed by the Government of Switzerland within its Trade Cooperation Program (TCP) in Tajikistan.

The training course, which will last till April 11, 2014 is designed as an introductory course to the multilateral trading system and the WTO trade rules for representatives of the business community and government officials. Mr. Suhrob Odinaev, Chief specialist of WTO Department at the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, and one of the participants of this course, believes that the Tajik delegation “*will get fundamental and practical knowledge of the multilateral trade system and regulations, and international trade dispute settlement procedures in this training course*”.

Experts from different international organisations (International Trade Centre, World Trade Organization, Advisory Centre on WTO Law), trade law practitioners from internationally recognized law firms will provide the training course to participants with lectures and real cases on the tariff Instruments of market access, customs administration and its regulation under the provisions of the GATT, WTO rules on export and import quantitative restrictions, anti-dumping procedures and the use of anti-dumping measures, subsidizing and domestic support measures, assessment of measures' conformity to the WTO rules, and etc. The programme also includes introduction and in-depth to the WTO Agreements on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), and on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), as well as to the WTO dispute settlement procedure and regulation on trade in services. A special session to discuss analysis of the tariff commitments of the Russian Federation is also planned with the representative of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to WTO.

The WTO is an international organization established in 1995 regulating trade among its Members. The WTO is primarily concerned with the creation of an open, free and fair trade environment where all Members have equal access to wealth gains. With its accession on 2 March 2013, Tajikistan has become the 159<sup>th</sup> Member of the organization.

**The ITC, through this technical assistance project, is committed to support Tajikistan’s public and private sector in strengthening their knowledge of the opportunities and challenges stemming from the WTO membership.**

**About Swiss support:** Within its Cooperation Strategy for 2012-2015 Switzerland focuses on the four sectors in Tajikistan, such as Health, Rule of Law, Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation, and Private Sector Development. The overall goal of the Swiss Cooperation in Tajikistan is to support the transition process in the country through contributing to the economic development and by helping build institutions and systems which are responsive to the population’s needs. For more information: [www.swisscoop.tj](http://www.swisscoop.tj), [www.deza.admin.ch](http://www.deza.admin.ch), [www.seco-cooperation.admin.ch](http://www.seco-cooperation.admin.ch)

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